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CONNECTOR WITH EXPANDED VALVE
MECHANISM AND METHOD OF FLUID
FLOW CONTROL

Examiner: Eric Keasel

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The error is verifiable in the patent application file as follows:

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| Column 18, line 36, delete "o" and insert --so--. | See page 12, Notice of Allowability dated May 5, 2005. |

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element is in the first position, the size of the narrowed region selected so as to cause the inner conduit of the compressible section to move to its second width.

41. (currently amended) The connector of claim 40 wherein:

- a) the compressible section is connected to the head; and
- b) the moveable element further comprises a spring section connected to the compressible section, the spring section being adapted to urge the movable element to the first position at which the compressible section is placed within the narrowed region.

42. (original) The connector of claim 41 wherein the head, and the compressible section, and the spring section are molded as an integral element from a resilient material.

43. (original) The connector of claim 34 wherein the compressible section comprises a plurality of substantially inflexible wall elements and a plurality of substantially flexible membrane elements, the membrane elements connecting together adjacent edges of the wall elements.

44. (original) The connector of claim 43 wherein the membrane elements are adapted to fold radially inwardly when the inner conduit has the second width.

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